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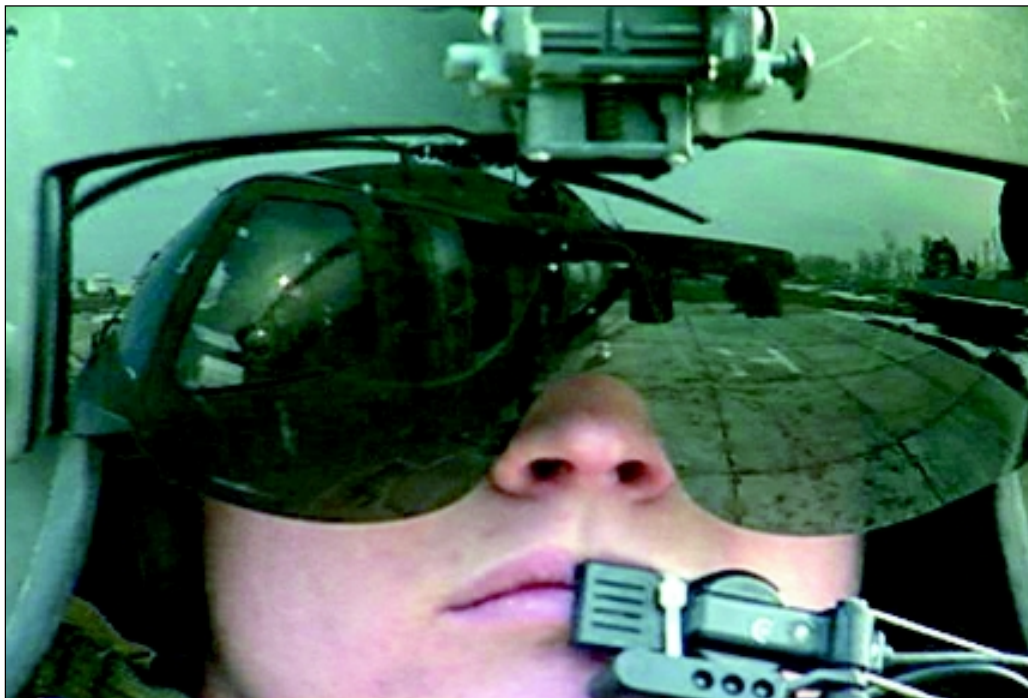


Photo by Pfc. Solomon Alferkin

Only two years out of high school, the U.S. Army has 20-year-old Pfc. Corey Wheeler responsible for a \$7 million piece of equipment. He is a UH-60 Blackhawk crewchief from 2nd Bn., 501st Avn. Rgt., out of Hanau, Germany. Wheeler is a native of Polson, Montana.

Mitrovica U.S. troops deploy to MNB(N) to help French

*Story by Maj. James Marshall
Task Force Falcon PAO*

"If you need us, we're here, we're ready," said Col. Gene Kamena, the deputy commander for maneuver for Task Force Falcon, to the commander of Multi-National Brigade North just a few hours after U.S. KFOR soldiers closed on Mitrovica in response to the violent demonstrations there.

There had been trouble in Mitrovica for several days the week of January 29. Protests and riots sparked inter-ethnic violence between the Albanian and Serbian population of this

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New slogan for new generation

*Story by
Staff Sgt. Christopher Swartz
Camp Bondsteel PAO*

The "Army of One," yep that's what it is, the new Army motto. For so many of us, just the idea of what this one little saying represents goes against everything we are taught throughout initial entry training.

However, when you dig a little deeper into the meaning behind this new motto, you may discover the new motto represents a new Army entering a new millennium.

According to statements from former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, the "Army of One" campaign focuses on the strength and teamwork of the U.S. Army as a united force, while reinforcing the concept that each individual makes a unique contribution to its success.

"We have to realize our greatest assets are the individual soldiers. The capability

the Army brings anywhere is boots on the ground. It represents when America is truly committed and how we are making a change, one soldier at a time," said Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Quinlan, commander, Task Force Falcon. "The only constant in our society is change. Our soldier population has changed in how they think and how they process information. We as an organization are working to change with that, to maximize our efforts and talents and bring us into the 21st century."

Older commercials featured individual soldiers doing their jobs while they described their feeling about it and the contributions they make to the team.

Newer commercials use the same basic idea with a different delivery method. Using multiple characters and camera angles, intense color, eye-blurring action and up-beat, techno-pop music, the Army is attempting to reach out to a younger

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Col. Benjamin Kulper, internal medicine, TF MedFalcon, checks vital signs of Spc. Maurice Laney, postal clerk, 38th Postal Services Bn.



Above: Sgt. 1st Class Kevin R. Parrish, medical NCO, TF MedFalcon, evaluates Pfc. Stacey Lacey, military policeman, 258th MP Bn.

EMT keeps Bondsteel soldiers out of the rack and on the attack

*Story and photos by
Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO*

With the activity level soldiers keep to complete the missions here, the potential for accidents or injuries always exists.

The front-line defense against illness and injury is Task Force Medical Falcon's emergency medical team, which stands guard day and night.

The EMT handles all illness and trauma cases that threaten life, limb or eyesight on Camp Bondsteel.

"With a mission as important as this, we handle all cases, whether local nationals or Kosovo Force affiliated," said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin R. Parrish, noncommissioned officer in charge of the TF MedFalcon EMT.

Motor vehicle accidents are the number one trauma cases in the EMT, Parrish said.

The number of land-mine incidents has decreased because of the efforts put forth by the explosive ordnance disposal unit's removal of 95 percent of in-ground mines.

Being combat support, the unit has the capability to be broken down and moved out into the field if necessary, Parrish said.

Along with these duties, EMT has a sick

call mission. The EMT's specialists take care of all troops and employees affiliated with the Kosovo Force mission.

These include North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brown and Root, independent contractors and the Department of Defense employees.

"The care I receive here is great, like Sgt. 1st Class Parrish, he treats me like I'm one of his children who fell down and got hurt," said Pfc. Stacey Lacey, military police, 793rd Military Police Battalion.

In sick call, upper respiratory infections and orthopedic injuries make up the bulk of the case load, said Parrish.

The EMT is staffed with two doctors, three licensed practicing nurses, three registered nurses and six field medics.

Field medics from battalion aide stations volunteer time to assist in the EMT, Parrish said.

"Allowing medics to volunteer time in the EMT allows them to improve on already existing medical skills," said Staff Sgt. Walter Kirsliis, NCOIC, 40th Engineer Battalion Aid Station.

"To reduce the number of illness-related cases, soldiers should make sure ventilation filters are well cleaned and air-out living quarters as often as possible," Parrish said.

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Task Force Falcon's Place on the Web

CSM comments on new Army motto

Hello to all of you out there in Falcon land! Another month has gone and passed with all of you continuing to do an outstanding job. I'm proud of the continuing hard work you put forth to make this mission a success and I know that you will continue with the same high degree of professionalism you have demonstrated to date.

Just this past month, the Army released its new motto of "An Army of One." I've talked



Command Sgt. Major Sherman Fuller

with a number of soldiers about the Army's new motto and I wanted to share with you my thoughts on "An Army of One."

Our new motto is not some concept that was miraculously dreamed up by an advertisement firm, but is a reaffirmation of our Army's greatest strength, the individual soldier. Most of you have been working with our multinational allies for several months now, and I'm sure you've noticed some differences in the way we operate.

Our Army's greatest strength is the ability of our soldiers to think and take decisive action on their own. Whether you're a company commander or a soldier manning a checkpoint, our Army depends on your ability to make decisions in tough, real-world situations. Teamwork is not just about following orders,

but is centered on trust and the team's ability to use an individual's strengths to complete the mission.

Individuality has always been crucial to the success of the Army. With the shift in the Army's overall mission and the challenges brought about by new technology, the importance of well-trained and motivated soldiers who are ready to take charge has only increased. "An Army on One," One Team, One Fight... The goal of accomplishing the mission has never changed, and the completion of the mission depends upon you, the individual soldier manning our checkpoints, conducting patrols out in sector, and maintaining security within the sector. You make the difference, you are the team. That is what "An Army on One" is all about.



Mustang Sally
Coming to the Camp
Bondsteel Theatre
February 17 at 8 p.m.

For Mustang Sally it all comes down to having a good time and making great music. These definitely aren't the "girls next door" and they're not the "girls from the reformatory" either. These girls have something a little different to offer their audience, and you can bet they're gonna use it!

FALCON'S FORCE

How do you feel about the new Army motto, Army of One?



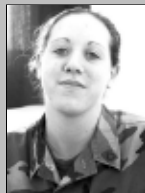
"I don't understand what it is supposed to mean. It seems we are changing our corporate values to make recruiting goals."
Lt. Col. Bruce E. Haselden, medical plans officer, Headquarters, KFOR Main.



"I believe it perceives a better outlook on what the Army is and should be. A unit. An Army of One."
Spt. Wayne E. Doorbos, NBC NCO, Co. B, 4th Bn., 27th FA Rgt.



"The Army is built on team work. Everything we do from the lowest level is as a member of a team. We are not one, we are a team."
Staff Sgt. James M. Notine, operations NCO, Camp Bondsteel Mayors Cell.



"It doesn't seem very team oriented. It's almost as though it's conceited."
Pfc. Amber Barber, X-ray technician, Co. C, 47th FSB.



"The Army is all about teamwork, and the new slogan says we are one team moving toward one goal."
Capt. John Poole, air operations OIC, HHC, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt.



"I feel it promotes more unity, working toward a common goal while emphasizing soldiers' individual accomplishments."
Pvt. Joshua Russell, dismounted infantryman, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt.

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audience.

"I always thought soldiers come into the Army for a challenge, adventure and discipline. I think they come in for higher purposes and to be part of a proud organization," Quinlan said.

"I think the personal challenge represented in that commercial shown by someone pushing themselves to achieve a high standard above and beyond what the average person might think he could do is a very powerful image for the generation we are trying to target and the people we want to come into the Army," he added.

The Army has also decided to expand its advertising techniques as well as updating the commercials. New campaign efforts can be seen on the Web at www.goarmy.com.

This new Website features the same soldiers that can be seen in the commercials with profiles on each telling where they are from and what they do for the Army. Profiles also include a statement from the soldier explaining how they contribute to the Army.

The first statement posted on the website is from Cpl. Richard Lovett, combat engineer, Fort Bragg, N.C., who is seen in the commercial entitled "Dog Tags." It reads:

"I am an Army of One. Even though there are 1,045,690 soldiers just like me, I am my own force. With technology, with training, with support, who I am has become better than who I was. And I'll be the first to tell you, the might of the U.S. Army doesn't lie in numbers. It lies in me. I am An Army of One. And you can see my strength."

"Conservative organizations like the United States Army don't change easily, they have a momentum all to themselves. So, to change an organization that is used to a certain motto or thing is very difficult," Quinlan said.

The Army has to realize that the audience it is trying to attract and inspire has changed and the Army is about people. The Army is changing to meet society's needs, he added.

The new motto has been on the market for one month and already recruiting is at 135 percent.



Pfc. Jessica Schutte, military policeman, 527th Military Police Company, poses in front of a vehicle.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Swartz

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divided city in northern Kosovo.

Crowds of hundreds of people threw Molotov cocktails and challenged UNMIK-Police and KFOR soldiers. KFOR peacekeepers intervened to stop the violence and became victims themselves.

French KFOR peacekeepers were attacked by the violent crowds. More peacekeepers were brought in from MNB West, South and Center.

The commander of KFOR, Lt. Gen. Carlo Cavigliosi, condemned the attacks on the peacekeepers saying that it was unacceptable to attack the very forces that have allowed a return to normalcy and peace in Kosovo.

The violence continued, however. Albanian rioters continued their protests and threatened to cross the bridge over the Ibar River, which roughly divides the predominantly Serb north sector from the Albanian south sector.

On Friday, KFOR ordered MNB(E) to reinforce MNB(N) with American soldiers in Mitrovica to help quell the riots. Approval for this mission was quickly received from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, the commander in chief of U.S. European Command and supreme allied commander, Europe, and the wheels began to turn.

Within hours, the units ordered to the hotspot of Mitrovica had pulled out of ongoing missions, issued movement orders and began the 10-kilometer road march to Mitrovica.

Late Friday night in the freezing cold and blowing snow, the first American units began to arrive.

By sun-up Saturday, there were about 200 American peacekeepers on the ground in Mitrovica ready to respond to the situation.

Saturday morning, French Brigadier General Alain Tartinville, commander of MNB (N), briefed the leaders of the American unit.

"It is very good that (the) American flag is



U.S. KFOR troops keep traffic flowing as they fly the flag in central Mitrovica, Kosovo. Soldiers were dispatched to Mitrovica in response to violent acts from the locals. Troops remained in the area for approximately two days. This Bradley Fighting Vehicle squad is assigned to Co. B, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt., Camp Monteith, Kosovo.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Marshall

being shown in Mitrovica south," he said.

And good it did. Several hundred citizens of Mitrovica turned out to see their new neighbors throughout the day.

Many welcomed the soldiers by giving them sodas, bread and other foods as a show of appreciation. Others just gave a friendly smile or a wave.

Soldiers returned the courtesy by talking with the locals and playing with the ever-present children. The situation in Mitrovica seemed to calm.

Many soldiers felt that just the unit's

presence made the locals peaceful and prevented further rioting.

Soldiers did not leave anything to chance; they remained ready if the riots continued, knowing they could be needed anytime.

"Just provide a presence, that's the overall (mission)," said Staff Sgt. Alfred Williams, a dismounted squad leader from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. "But we got our riot gear just in case."

The riot gear was not needed and the orders came down for the unit to depart early Monday morning.



Students gather around Lt. Col. Jefferey Smith, commander, 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. Rgt., to listen to what he has to say about the future of Kosovo and what they can do to help make a difference.

Infantry commander speaks to local teens

**Story and photo
by Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO**

Approximately five hundred students assembled on school grounds in Viti/Vitina to hear the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, commander recently speak on how students' cooperation can achieve a democratic society.

Lt. Col. Jefferey Smith used the rally to let the students know how important good moral behavior is to the ongoing effort for Kosovo to become a democratic society.

"I couldn't think of a better place to end our six-month tour in Kosovo, than to talk to its youth. I wanted to take this opportunity to

address the students before we leave to express our gratitude for their cooperation over the last six months," Smith said.

Standing before the student body, Smith spoke on the importance of ethical values.

"Developing ethical values begins in the home with the family. A constant effort must be made to help youth develop values and abilities necessary for good moral decision making and conduct," Smith said. "Kosovo's future lies in the character and values you learn at a young age because in the next five or 10 years it will be you students that will be the next political leaders in Kosovo."

The future of society requires a citizen with good moral character. Your character is what you believe inside. This is the funda-

mental basis for a good democratic society, Smith added.

In a question/answer portion of the rally, Smith answered questions pertaining to KFOR's involvement and what kind of support they have been providing for the people.

Students were informed of KFOR's mission to provide a safe and secure environment for democratic development in Kosovo.

"We have made an impact on the community by doing patrols through the sector, which gives the Serbian and Albanian people a true feeling of a safe and secure environment," said Staff Sgt. John P. Billings, squad leader, Company A, 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. Rgt.

"We all feel safer now that

KFOR is here. We hope that with KFOR assistance, we as a people, will follow the right path for a better Kosovo future," said Hasen Hasani, Viti/Vitina high school teacher.

Over the last eight months, there has been a decrease in crime and an increase in criminal arrests. This is largely thanks to the involvement of the people reporting illegal activities, Smith said.

"Before KFOR arrived, people were beaten in the streets and taken to jail for no reason," said Ilir Misini, Viti/Vitina high school student. "I'm able to go to school now and feel safe."

KFOR's mission can't be achieved without the help of the people. People must do the right thing, which isn't always easy, Smith added.

Civil rights activist visits Kosovo to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Story and photo by Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bonsteel PAO**

Task Force Falcon recognized Black History Month recently by inviting a prominent civil rights activist and sponsoring a Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest.

Civil rights activist Rev. Willie M. Bolden, Bethlehem Baptist Church pastor in Atlanta and Harvard University graduate, visited Europe and all three U.S. KFOR base camps. He met with soldiers and shared his personal experiences during the late Martin Luther King's nonviolent movement for civil rights.

After visiting Camp Monteith, Bolden went to the village of Novo Brdo/Novoberde for the dedication ceremony of a youth center named after King.

With passion and reverence, Bolden relived some of the most trying situations of his life.

Bolden talked about how he met King in Savannah, Ga., pool hall, and how that one day changed his life and the lives of those around him.

He spoke about his participation in the drive to improve conditions, where underprivileged people and minorities lived, not only in the state of Georgia but the entire country.

Being a nonviolent protestor, Bolden talked about some of the inhumane treatment protestors endured not only from those for the oppression of the black people but the justice system as well.

He also shared a story where he and a fellow activist were beaten by whites for trying to enter a marketplace in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Some of the basic civil rights issues have not changed over the years. It's not as bad as it used to be, but the issues are still there," Bolden said.

At the dedication ceremony in Novo Brdo/Novoberde, Bolden presented the school with a portrait of King, donated by the Martin Luther King Center, in Atlanta. The portrait is to be on permanent display in the youth center.

"Here is a country that has been ravaged by the likes of war and the children of this village have chosen MLK and his dream as the keystone of their community and to begin their transition toward lasting peace through non-violence," Bolden said.

Soldiers seemed to have good reactions to



Reverend Willie M. Bolden donates a poster of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the youth center director.

his speech.

"Someone can give you a vision and put it into words. But it is up to us as a people to bring it together in a shared meaning," said Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Challenger, Task Force Falcon equal opportunity advisor. "People need to focus on the movement that was set in motion by these actions, instead of simply viewing them as events in the past."

Shopping time

Serbians take trip to Gjilan/Gnjilane market

*Story and photo by Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO*

Taking steps to integrate the community of Gjilan/Gnjilane, Task Force Falcon soldiers recently encouraged Serbians to step out of their closed communities and shop in the downtown marketplace.

With the support of the local municipality and the Kosovo Police Service, security will be increased during these trips.

During this time, Serbians will be able to shop safely in the predominantly Albanian marketplace.

"Kosovo Force is doing this in an effort to integrate Gjilan/Gnjilane. Kosovo Force soldiers will escort Serbians into the downtown area to shop," said Capt. Sloan C. Mann, civil affairs officer, TFF 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.

Security consists of static checkpoints, KFOR roving patrols and KPS officers patrolling the area.

"We want everyone to feel safe when traveling through the marketplace," said Luljeta Limani, KPS officer.

Since the beginning of the war, Serbians have not ventured downtown unescorted.

"I am glad for KFOR's involvement here. It is good to be able to come downtown and feel safe," said Milena Pavicevic, a Serbian consumer.

Since the war, the tension between the two ethnic groups has caused both groups to be nervous when entering a predominantly Albanian or Serbian area.

"This is a messed up situation," said Spc. Robert A. Holmes, civil affairs specialist, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry. "People shouldn't have to go through all this just to do normal everyday things."

Normally when Serbians come into Gjilan/Gnjilane, they stay within a designated 100-meter area, just outside of the marketplace.

"Serbians have been coming in my store without escorts in the past," said Gjyjetin Ahmetri, appliance store worker. "Everybody is welcome in our shop."



Spc. Robert A. Holmes, civil affairs specialist, HHC, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt., provides security as Serbians walk through downtown Gjilan/Gnjilane during market day.

Local school children tour Bondsteel

*Story by
Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO*

Thirty-one medical students from Zenell Hadiniji High School in Ferizaj/Urosevac visited Camp Bondsteel Friday, to get an idea on how soldiers live.

Company B, 94th Engineer Battalion invited students from one of three schools it sponsor in a program to improve conditions within the school.

"By bringing the students on Camp Bondsteel, the students get a chance to experience a soldiers' life first-hand," said Sgt. 1st Class Trint Conrod, platoon sergeant.

While here on post, the students received a tour of Task Force Medical Falcon hospital, 40th Eng. Bn. Battalion Aide Station, 94th Eng. Bn. motor pool, aviation site, Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities and soldier living quarters, said Conrod.

"Bringing the students here on post makes the sponsorship program more personal," said Spc. Fawna L. Brown, light-wheel vehicle mechanic, 94th

Eng. Bn. "It gives them a chance interact with us as people not soldiers."

"I really wanted to bring them all," Conrod said. "When I announced the invitation, the students were ecstatic."

"Getting a chance to visit here is great. I get to see how this country really lives," said Hope Hoxha, Zenell Hadiniji High School student. More students will be included in an additional visit later next month.

The sponsorship program provided by the 94th Eng. Bn. began Jan. 17. Soldiers work with the school on improving existing facilities.

"I go in and inspect the school and see what they need," Conrod said, "such as heating and school supplies."

Soldiers replaced the heating system in the school, Conrod said.

It was so cold in the school, classes at one point had been cancelled.

"Now that we have come here and seen things first-hand, the students now have more positive thoughts about what is going on in Kosovo," said Abdullah Ymeri, chemistry professor.



Sgt. David Street, heavy equipment operator, Co. B, 94th Eng. Bn. shows a student around a bull dozer.

TF Med Falcon hosts 2nd Annual Health Fair

Stations explaining oral hygiene, posture evaluation capabilities, blood pressure checks and diabetic information will be set up for soldiers to visit. Preventative medicine will also have a station set up to how Task Force Falcon supports soil, water and air sampling as well as information concerning depleted uranium and sexually transmitted diseases. Exhibits will be set up from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3-4. Contact Staff Sgt. Monifa Dickson at 781-3169 for more information.



Staff Sgt. Cameron Bontrager, section sergeant, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt., motivates the candidates before they negotiate the spur ride stations.



Three candidates receive their spurs during the 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., spur ceremony.



Six candidates strive to gut out the maximum amount of push-ups during the 4 a.m. APFT.



A team of candidates from 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., assemble a .50 caliber machine gun at the weapons station.

Saddle Up

Armored soldiers learn what it takes to wear the cavalry spurs

*Story and photos by Capt. Clarence Counts
Camp Monteith PAO*

The 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, has a long and proud tradition as one of America's foremost tank battalions in the European theater. On Jan. 25, the Conquerors added to that tradition by conducting the first-ever "Spur Ride" in Kosovo at Camp Monteith.

Thirty-four soldiers, hailing from 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt.; 2nd Bn., 6th Infantry Rgt.; 4th Bn., 27th Field Artillery Rgt.; 501st Military Intelligence Bn.; and the Judge Advocate General Corps, took part in the professional development experience.

"We try to do spur rides twice a year, but it has been difficult because we have been deployed a lot recently," said Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Taylor, command sergeant major, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt.

"The spur ride was scheduled for October-November, but because of deployment requirements, it was moved to now," Taylor said.

The candidates' morning began with an Army Physical Fitness Test at 4 a.m. and ended with a 10-Kilometer ruck-march some 16 hours later. Candidates kept their motivation high while negotiating the seven stations of medical, maintenance, call for fire, weapons, grenade assault course, nuclear biological and chemical, and logistics package. Successful completion of the Conqueror Spur Ride was the ultimate challenge the candidates had to master before receiving their spurs during a ceremony two days later.

"Your quest for spurs is an essential part of your professional development as a leader," said Lt. Col. Clemson G. Turregano, battalion commander.

"The Conqueror Spur Program recognizes those officers and noncommissioned officers who have demonstrated the professional expertise required of a Conqueror leader. The spur ride is designed to be a demanding and challenging event that tests the technical and tactical expertise of the candidate, as well as his ingenuity, initiative and common sense," said Turregano.

Capt. Grace M. Gallagher, Judge Advocate General officer-in-charge for Camp Monteith, and 1st Lt. Keri A. Maloney, analysis and control team chief, Co. C, 501st MI Bn., were the only two females to participate in the spur ride and also the first females to earn spurs in the battalion.

"I was smoked," Maloney said, after twice going through the grenade assault course.

"I like a challenge and I wanted to prove that I could do it," she said. "I felt like it was a rewarding experience and I was glad I participated."



1st Lt. Michael Stone, platoon leader, Co. B, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., looks on as Sgt. Steven R. Pinheiro, team sergeant, HHC, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., and other candidates prepare the LOGPAC estimate.



Sgt. Steven R. Pinheiro, team sergeant, and 1st Lt. Michael Stone, platoon leader, carry supplies to the LOGPAC station.



1st Lt. Timothy E. Wolfe, executive officer, HHC, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., provides suppressive fire while 1st Lt. Chris D. Lheureux, platoon leader, Co. C, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., prepares to throw a grenade on the hand grenade assault course.

'Major mittens': Armor officer does his part to keep children of Kosovo warm

*Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Cassandra Shafer
Camp Monteith PAO*

Jack Maloney loves the children of South-east Kosovo.

All over the Multi-national Brigade (East) sector, the Army major, operations officer, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, is "always looking for ways to better the living conditions" of the youngest residents of the region.

The betterment Maloney brings is in the form of warm—and much needed—winter hats and mittens during this cold season.

With the help of civil affairs soldiers, locals, and interpreters, Maloney personally finds out where the warm winter items are needed most. The clothing comes from several arenas—Red Cross, civil affairs, and packages from Germany.

"I carry a box of stuff in my vehicle all the time. When we go out, we find these kids and take care of them," said the Stoughton, Mass. native. "If it doesn't bother someone to see a kid without a winter gloves or hats, there's something wrong."

Although Maloney knows where the needs are, that doesn't stop him from doing impromptu handouts. He won't hesitate to stop his vehicle if he sees a child without warm clothing. He will grab a hat or gloves, or even an occasional jacket, from his box and, through the window, enthusiastically hand them to the child in need.

"Not everyone gets touched by all the humanitarian aide in this country. Some simply fall through the cracks," he said.

Maloney has seen people who are too



Maj. Jack Maloney



Blair "Blair" Dibra, an interpreter for Maj. Jack Maloney, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., helps distribute warm winter items to local Gjiilan/Gnjilane children. Maloney keeps a box of these items in his vehicle at all times and distributes them when he sees the need.

proud to look for a handout.

"There is a lot of pride in these people," he said.

But that doesn't stop him from winning the hearts of Kosovars with his generous actions.

"It is hard for a parent to see you as a bad person if you have treated their children so well," he said. "They are more inclined to listen to your message if they see that."

Maloney brings the goods to the recipients, but humbly slips into the shadows when it comes times to actually pass the items out.

As children gather around the box placed

atop his vehicle, patiently waiting for their new article that will help ward off the cold on bitter winter days, he encourages the young soldiers to get involved.

He said he wants the future soldiers of the Army to see the positive effects of deployments like Task Force Falcon.

"Whether or not this type of mission goes away, they need to see the benefits of what we are doing, he said.

"It doesn't matter if someone has had a bad day, because days like these make up for one week of bad days. It's the right thing to do."

KPC members learn map reading, land navigation

*Story and photo by
Sgt. Thorin Sprandel
Camp Monteith PAO*

Kosovo Forces soldiers recently visited the Kosovo Protection Corps' training compound outside Gjiilan/Gnjilane as part of a training partnership program.

Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, instructed KPC workers from 6th Regional Task Group in topics such as identifying map colors, symbols and terrain features, basic compass familiarization and locating grid coordinates on a map.

Kosovo Forces officials designed the program to foster the growth and efficiency of Kosovo's own civilian emergency service organization, said Capt. John M. Poole, air operations officer, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt.

The training is important, said Fidajete Spahiu, commander, communications detachment, 6th RGT, headquartered in Gjiilan/

Gnjilane.

The instructors passed out partial military maps with terrain features circled and then explained each feature.

Students, who work and train at the compound full-time, identified terrain features such as ridges and valleys.

At one point, the class, made up of members from communications and search and rescue detachments, crowded around a map used as an example to examine the extent of its detail.

"We only have geography maps, like school maps," Spahiu said.

The class then broke down into small groups to practice plotting grid coordinates.

Later, the instructors showed KPC workers how to find a magnetic azimuth using a lensatic compass.



Staff Sgt. John Bernard, Co. A, 1st Bn., 35th Amr. Rgt., uses his interpreter, Fanol Popova, to explain terrain features to KPC members.

This partnership program and cooperation with KFOR in general is essential to the livelihood of the KPC, she said.

"We look forward to more cooperation and the continuation

of the partnership training program," she added.

KPC's stated mission is to provide an emergency response capability to meet natural disasters and other situations in order to protect lives and property.

Legal Corner

Soldiers' and Sailors' relief act can help you out

**Story by Capt. Geoffrey DeWeese
Task Force Legal Officer**

Many soldiers on active duty find that their military service may make it hard to meet financial obligations and to assert their legal rights. This is not a new situation. Soldier in the Civil War were assisted when Congress passed a law halting any civil actions brought against federal troops, and many southern states passed similar laws to protect their soldiers. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1918 required courts to take into account a soldier's service when that soldier's service prevented them from asserting their rights. In 1940 a new Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act was passed and it's protections (with some amendments) are still available to soldiers serving today.

This article discusses four of the most important protections available to you: A cap of six percent interest on pre-service debt, a stay on court proceedings, protections from default judgments, and protections from eviction from leased housing.

Six percent interest cap

Many soldiers enter active duty with pre-existing debt obligations. These soldiers could be new privates who just signed up, or they could be senior reservists who are called up to active duty. If the soldier is now on active duty, and her active duty "materially affects" her ability to pay her pre-active duty debt, she can have her interest rate capped at six percent. This protection extends to a spouse if the debt is held jointly and it lasts as long as the soldier is on active duty.

The burden is on the creditor to show that the soldier's active duty *does* not materially affect her ability to pay. However, it is usually a good idea to include a copy of your military orders in any letter sent to assert this right.

Additionally, this part of the SSCRA does not apply to federally guaranteed student loan obligations. If a soldier is having trouble with a student loan, she may want to see if she qualifies for a forbearance or a deferment on her payments.

Stay on Court proceedings

When a soldier is a party to a civil lawsuit (no criminal cases apply here) and his not being able to get to court due to his military duties materially affects his ability to protect his interest, he may be able to request a stay of proceedings from the court. A stay simply means that the court puts the case on the back burner until a later date; it does not mean the case is dismissed.

A soldier may request a stay at any point in the proceedings. The burden of proving that the soldier's not being able to attend is up to the discretion of the court; it is best to assume the burden is on the soldier to be safe. If granted, the length of the stay must be reasonable. Generally, it is for the duration of the service plus 60 days, but a court will not take this to mean 60 days after a soldier has exited the service. A soldier is expected to use his leave to resolve his legal problems.

The key in getting a stay is to show the material affect. If the request is denied, the court must find that there was not material affect. If there are no contested facts or if damages are within the limits of an insurance policy, the court will probably not grant a stay. Additionally, stays are not usually granted in child support cases.

Protections from default judgment

Before a judgment may be entered against any defendant by default (where the defendant did not appear to argue her side), the plaintiff must file an affidavit stating that the defendant was not in the military service and therefore not entitled to protection under the SSCRA. If the defendant is in the military, the court will appoint an attorney to ensure the

defendant's rights are not violated. Failure to do so makes the default judgment voidable.

If a default judgment was entered, it may be reopened by a showing that the soldier's military service prejudiced his ability to defend himself, and that he had a meritorious defense. In other words, would he have had a chance of winning? The application for a reopening of a default judgment must be made either while the soldier is still in the service, or within 90 days after the end of his service.

Protections from eviction

A soldier paying less than \$1,200 a month for rent on her home or apartment is protected from eviction actions under the SSCRA. Even if the soldier is away, if her dependants live in the home she can still take advantage of the protections outlined here.

If the landlord wants to evict the soldier or her family, he must first obtain permission from a court. Unless the court finds that the soldier's military service does not materially affect her ability to pay her rent, the court may either stay any eviction action for up to three months or make any other orders it deems just.

This does not mean that the landlord cannot recover the lost rent, only that he cannot evict the soldier for failure to pay. The soldier still should be meeting her obligations as best she can. If the landlord tries to evict a soldier or her family in violation of these provisions of the SSCRA, the landlord could face criminal sanctions.

The SSCRA provides valuable protection to service members on active duty. However, this is only a general overview of the SSCRA, and there may be facts that change how it would apply to your situation. If you think you are entitled to any of the protections discussed here, be sure to talk to your legal assistance attorney.

Contact the Camp Bondsteel legal office for further assistance at 781-4012.

DoD participates in 8 ethnic observances

**Story by
Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Challenger
Equal Opportunity Advisor**

The Department of Defense recognizes and participates in eight, distinct, commemorative or ethnic observances that are celebrated each year. You may have been asked to attend one of these observances or have been involved in conducting an observance at your unit. But what is all this about anyway? Is there any reason you should even want to attend such events?

Ethnic observances are events that recognize the contributions and achievements of all Americans and are a portion of the military's ongoing equal opportunity education process. As members of the military, all leaders and soldiers should participate in ethnic observances to learn more about the influence and contributions of all the various cultures that comprise the American culture. These observances are intended to enhance the human relations' climate through increased unity, awareness and mutual understanding of the accomplishments and contributions of all members of the military.

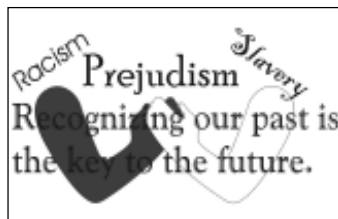
Events should focus toward multicultural participation and encourage interaction rather than just that of recognition. The understanding of traditional cultural values and beliefs

shared and experienced in an educational setting can significantly enhance the understanding of cultural influences and beliefs that shape the behaviors and communication processes used by all of us. The understanding of family structure and gender roles within a particular culture is equally important as well to broadening our awareness of the cultural influences around us that we may knowingly or unknowingly interact within.

America has been referred to as the great cultural melting pot. It has been this blending of cultural diversity that has given strength and knowledge to the fabric of the American culture, each thread of this fabric being distinctive, yet supporting the other. As Americans, when we begin to understand and celebrate the many contributions that each culture has contributed to the makeup of what we refer to as the American culture, we gain a tremendous insight into our shared history. We can then continue to move forward with a greater respect and understanding of ourselves and of every other member of the American culture.

These are the observances held each year within the military community:

- (1) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., birthday, 3rd Monday of January
- (2) African American/Black History Month, February 1-28
- (3) Women's History Month, March 1-31



(4) Days of Remembrance, (Jewish Holocaust victims of WW II) April/May, Sunday to Sunday for the week incorporating Yom Hashoah

(5) Asian Pacific Heritage Month, May 1-31

(6) Women's Equality Day, August 26

(7) Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15

(8) Native American Indian Heritage Month, November 1-30

If you would like to participate in or organize an event to celebrate cultural awareness, contact your unit equal opportunity leader or EO advisor. Awareness will not only improve your communication and leadership skills, you will probably learn something about yourself as well as others. Another great reason to serve in the military and the Army of One.



Sgt. Doug Massengale and Spc. Stephen Holt, audio and visual equipment technicians, AFN, prepare an antenna for placement on the new 75 ft. tower overlooking Camp Bondsteel.

AFN Balkans wants you

*Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Rick Lewis
Camp Bondsteel PAO*

American Forces Network-Europe's Balkans affiliate wants you to provide input to keep other Kosovo soldiers informed.

Since AFN rolled onto the Tuzla Main airfield in December 1995, it's broadcast in support of the Dayton Peace Accords Implementation Forces and Sustainment Forces.

It's kept US troops throughout Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary and Kosovo entertained with the latest music, and informed with current news and information.

The AFN Balkans affiliate now provides the same services to KFOR in Kosovo and Macedonia. The KFOR troops have become AFN Balkans' largest audience, according to the radio station's command information director, Air Force Staff Sgt. Mike Tateishi.

"We get song requests every day from Kosovo, but we haven't had much to offer in return, in the form of what's happening on their bases," he said.

Tateishi added that AFN provides SFOR soldiers with instant return for their calls by telling them what's going on in Task Force Eagle, such as the movie schedules and MWR events. They want to do the same for the KFOR troops.

Units and agencies supporting KFOR can have announcements aired on AFN Balkans by emailing basic information to the station at radiodir@afn.tuzla.army.mil. List "who, what, where, when and how", and any additional information about the event, in your email. Also provide points of contact for your request; usually a name, telephone number and email address.

"Sixty to 75 percent of our music requests are from KFOR personnel," Tateishi said. "We want to return the favor by telling the troops what's going on in this area." AFN "Rocks the Box" with their Z-FM and Power Network channels. Z-FM plays the most popular music in the U.S. on local and network DJ shows. Z-FM is 88 FM at Camps Bondsteel and Monteith and 98.5 FM at Camp Able Sentry, Macedonia.

The Power Network is AFN's news, sports and information station. It features news and sports programs around the clock including National Public Radio, Rush Limbaugh and the recent Super Bowl. Power Network is broadcast at 99.1 FM on Bondsteel and Monteith, and on 100.5 at CAS.

Program schedules for both stations, and answers to possible technical questions are posted on the AFN Europe website: <http://www.afneurope.army.mil/>.

AFN Radio

AFN Radio can be heard on
88.0 FM.

Special Show hours include:

Balkans Morning Show
6 a.m.-9 a.m.

Country Round-Up
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

80's Lunch
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Today's Alternative
3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Saturdays:

Balkans Saturday Show
8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Solid Gold Show
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Request lines are open at
762-5556**

Movies February Movie Schedule Camp Bondsteel theater

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| Feb. 16 | 1930 Little Vampire 2130 Lucky Numbers | Feb. 23 | 1930 Bedazzled 2130 6th Day |
| Feb. 17 | 200 Mustang Sally Country Music Sensation | Feb. 24 | 1930 Proof of Life 2130 Bounce |
| Feb. 18 | 1930 Unbreakable 2130 Bedazzled | Feb. 25 | 1930 Dungeons & Dragons 2130 Proof of Life |
| Feb. 19 | 1930 Urban Legends 2130 The Replacements | Feb. 26 | 1930 Lost Souls 2130 The Exorcist |
| Feb. 20 | 1930 6th Day 2130 102 Dalmations | Feb. 27 | 2000 Harlem Gospel Choir World famous gospel and jazz |
| Feb. 21 | 1930 Men of Honor 2130 Unbreakable | Feb. 28 | 1930 Bounce 2130 Dungeons & Dragons |
| Feb. 22 | 1930 Hallow Man 2130 U571 | | |

Chaplains' Corner

St. Valentine's Day:

A day to remember your loved ones

*Story by
Chaplain (Capt.) John Kiser
2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt.*

"Cards to lovers, roses, chocolates, flying babies...and a Christian martyr?"

You may wonder what all these have to do with each other this St. Valentine's Day. It is a day symbolized most popularly by cards, hearts, and cupids—little flying babies with bows and arrows! It is similar to the question of what does Saint Patrick have to do with green beer? Stay tuned next month for that one!

The history of St. Valentine is, obviously, a day in honor of St. Valentine. He was a Christian martyr, that is executed for his profession of and adherence to the Christian faith, around 269 A.D. In actuality, the early church records the martyrdom of at least Three Valentines! But the most

famous story is of a Christian priest in Rome.

The emperor of Rome was busy at that time fighting battles around the far-flung edges of the Roman Empire. He needed what any recruiter will tell you, "more soldiers!"

This would be fine if there was a good Roman-PX or even a Roman-GI Bill, but life was not that easy for a Roman soldier. In the emperor's pursuit of more and better soldiers, he outlawed marriages for young men. I can just hear the crusty old Roman Legion drill sergeants, "If the emperor meant for you to have a wife and kids, he would have issued them to you!"

This unjust edict stirred up the anger of the good priest Valentine. In risky defiance, Valentine continued to perform Christian marriages for young couples, and bless their Christian children. Eventually, Valentine was thrown into jail, and the emperor sen-

tenced him to death.

According to church legend, it was while Valentine was in prison that we hear of the first "Valentine cards." Valentine wanted to keep in contact with those he loved on the outside before his execution. He befriended the jailor and his family, and they smuggled out letters to encourage other Christians in their faith. We are told those letters ended with, "Your Valentine."

Gelasius, the bishop of Rome in 498 A.D. officially made February 14th "Saint Valentine's Day" in honor of his martyrdom. He died for his belief in the necessity of Christian love in marriages and families. Through the centuries, Saint Valentine's commitment to young couples in love has transformed into a day for lovers. In England in the 1600's the tradition we are familiar with of giving notes and cards to friends and loved ones became very popular. Now, only on Jesus' birthday,



Christmas, are more cards exchanged than on Valentine's Day. Let us all give thanks to God for heroic and caring examples of integrity like that of Saint Valentine.

Don't forget to send those cards!

"God Bless You All, Gator Cross, Out!"

MWR host fashion show in honor of Black History Month

Show will be held at Camp Bondsteel Theatre Feb. 25 from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. with a party afterward. Fashion will include club/casual, sportswear, dress to impress and Sunday's best. For those wishing to get involved, sign up at the North or South MWR facility or call Staff Sgt. Madison at 781-3135.

KFOR Worship Schedule

Camp Bondsteel

Roman Catholic

Sun 0730 South Chapel
Sun 1200 Mass - Peacekeepers Chapel
Sun 1900 Mass - Peacekeepers Chapel
Mon 1130 Mass - Peacekeepers Chapel
Tue 1930 Mass - Peacekeepers Chapel
Tue 2000 RCIA - Peacekeepers Chapel
Wed 1130 Mass - South Chapel
Wed 1900 Bible Study - South Chapel
Wed 1930 Bible Study - Peacekeepers Chapel
Thu 1930 Mass/School of Prayer - South Chapel
Fri 1130 Mass - Peacekeepers Chapel
Sat 1700 Mass - South Chapel

Protestant

Sun 0900 Service - South Chapel
Sun 0930 Service - Peacekeepers Chapel

Gospel

Sun 1200 Service - South Chapel
Sun 1600 Service - Peacekeepers Chapel
Thu 1800 Prayer - Peacekeepers Chapel
Fri 1900 Joy Night - Peacekeepers Chapel
Sat 2000 Gospel Choir Practice - Peacekeepers Chapel

Islam

Fri 1200 Prayer - South Chapel

Latter Day Saint

Sun 1600 Service - South Chapel
Sun 1700 Sunday School
Mon 1800 Family Home Evening

Jewish

Fri 2000 Service - South Chapel

Other

Sat 1100 Adventist Service - South Chapel
Sun 1900 Praise and Worship - South Chapel

Camp Monteith Services

SUNDAY

0830 LDS Service
1000 Protestant Service
1115 Bible Study
1300 Gospel Service
1600 AA Meeting
1900 Catholic Mass
2000 Contemporary Service

TUESDAY

1900 New Believers Class

WEDNESDAY

1900 Catholic Mass/Inquiry Class

THURSDAY

0800 Catholic Mass
1900 Promise Keepers Bible Study

FRIDAY

1900 Praise and Worship Night

SATURDAY

1800 Gospel Choir Practice
2000 Movie Night

Camp Able Sentry

Sunday

0130 Protestant Service
1300 Spanish Mass
1600 LDS Service
1900 Gospel Service

Tuesday

1900 Gospel Bible Study

Wednesday

2000 Mid-Week Bible Study

Thursday

1900 Prayer Meeting

Friday

1900 Gospel Hour

Saturday

1730 Catholic Mass
1900 Choir Rehearsal

Pictures can say a thousand words

**Story and photos by
Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO**

Photography skills can be used in many different ways. Some take pictures for magazines or newspapers, while others take pictures just for the sheer enjoyment of it.

Task Force Medical Falcon soldiers take pictures that help people heal and can also save lives.

The TF MedFalcon X-ray team provides diagnostic video graphic information for TF MedFalcon, which supports all soldiers in Multinational Brigade (East) and local-nationals in danger of losing life, limb or eyesight.

By efficiently performing mission objectives, the TF MedFalcon X-ray team provides support to physical therapy and emergency medical teams.

"As a unit, we have the resources necessary for both trauma and orthopedic departments to X-ray patients, giving them what they need to provide proper patient care," said Sgt. Jeffery T. Murray, X-ray technician, TF MedFalcon.

The X-ray team has six team members: one doctor,

radiologist and four technicians.

Task Force Medical Falcon has stationary and portable X-ray machines.

"Portable X-ray machines are usually used in the emergency room when a patient's condition isn't stable enough to be moved," Murray said.

Camp Bondsteel has one of two Computer Automated Tomography machines in the Kosovo. The other CAT scan machine is in the German sector.

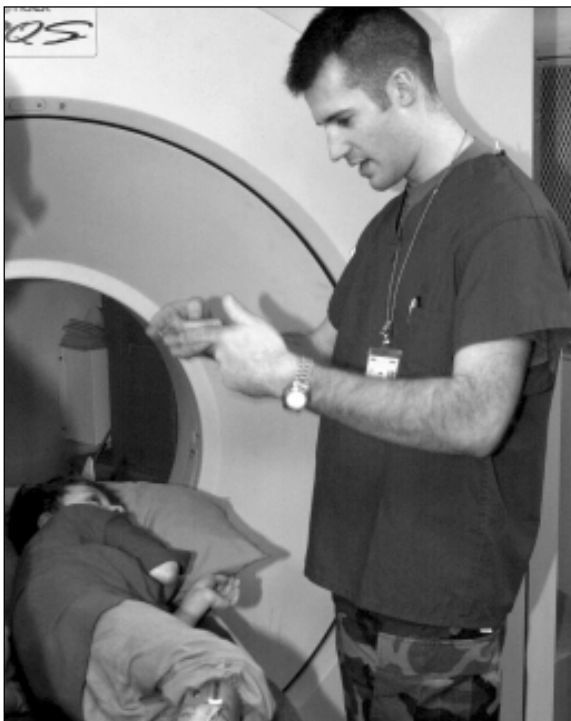
"CAT scans take X-rays that slice the image so it can be viewed piece-by-piece.

This is very helpful in visuals of bodily organs, said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin R. Parrish, noncommissioned officer in charge of TF MedFalcon emergency medical team.

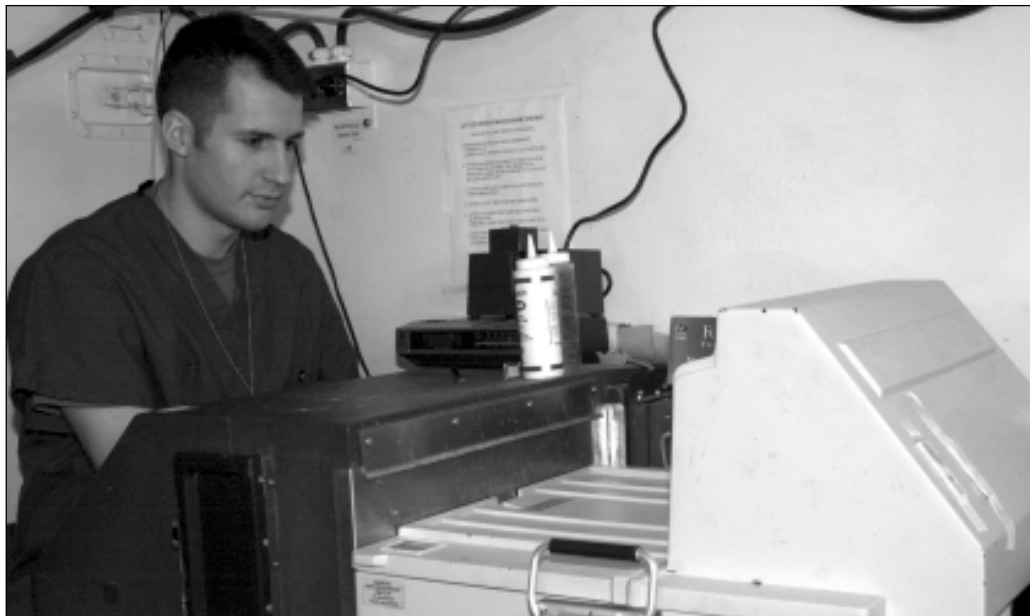
All film processing is in the X-ray room, Murray said.

"The majority of X-rays taken here are of orthopedic nature. The injuries are usually knees, ankles and lower back," Murray added.

The experience most reservists get in the civilian sector give the X-ray technicians here a better idea of what to expect and how to do the job properly, Murray said.



Sgt. Jeffrey T. Murray, X-ray technician, instructs an Albanian boy to roll over in the CAT scan machine in order to get the proper angle.



Murray reaches into the portable darkroom to develop some X-ray film.



Let's get physical

Physical therapists help work soldiers back to health

**Story and photos by Pfc. Duane Brown
Camp Bondsteel PAO**

Swollen knees, aching backs, twisted ankles and sore necks are the most common injuries to come through the physical therapy unit lately at Task Force Medical Falcon facility on Camp Bondsteel, according to the officer in charge of the physical therapy clinic here.

Orthopedic-related activities are treated by the physical therapy staff on a daily basis to get soldiers out of the rack and on the attack. "As a part of Task Force Medical Falcon, it is our mission is to provide substantive and rehabilitative care in theatre," said 1st Lt. Scott Schmidt, officer-in-charge and physical therapist, TF MedFalcon, "therefore preventing the need to evacuate all these soldiers that injure themselves back to central-region in order to receive care."

Many of the injuries are resulting from soldier's recreational activities like basketball, soccer, weightlifting and running, Schmidt said. The basic duties as a soldier are hard also on the joints.

"Soldiers doing a lot of lifting tend to strain tendons and shoulders. The uneven and rocky terrain in Camp Bondsteel and basketball are the cause of many ankle and knee injuries," said Schmidt.

The TF MedFalcon physical therapy unit has a five-member staff. Three physical

therapy technicians provide rehabilitative care.

One member of the staff is the designated cast technician. The unit also has an orthopedic surgeon for individuals with problems not correctable by rehabilitative care.

"The care and attention given to me when I come in for treatment is very concentrated and personal. They handle my case as if it is of the utmost importance, explaining each step and why I'm taking that step," said Sgt. Alexis I. Camacho, squad leader, 40th Engineer Battalion.

In an attempt to keep injuries down, measures are taken to track any increases in the numbers of injuries.

"If we see an unusual increase in certain injuries, we will take that to the unit's care-provider," Schmidt said.

Each incoming unit brings a physician assistant and a battalion aide station.

"We work closely with physician assistants because we receive our patient referrals from them," Schmidt said.

"We interact with them on a case-by-case basis. If the situation warrants, they will receive a call back regarding the patient referral," he added.

Orthopedic injuries are tracked by military occupation specialty as well. This method of tracking aides the unit in tracking injuries to a particular unit, Schmidt said.

The largest percentage of injuries are referred through sick-call.



Top: 1st Lt. Scott R. Schmidt, TF MedFalcon goes through ankle rehabilitation exercises with Pfc. Ruth A. Willard, 501st MI Bn. Above: Sgt. Wayne F. Herold, physical therapist assistant, TF MedFalcon, prepares a soldier for his lower back rehabilitation session.

Physical therapy hours are: Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

Soldiers must go through their battalion aide station or use regular sick-call procedures to receive treatment, Schmidt added.



Lead singer and co-founder, Maruchy Perez gets the crowd pumped up with Cher's 'Believe.'

Two Night Stand

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Christopher Swartz
Camp Bondsteel PAO

Soldiers gathered around the stage at Camp Bondsteel's theater Friday night to here the sounds of the Miami, Fla., based band "Two Night Stand."

Pumping out nearly three decades worth of rock, pop, rhythm and blues, reggae and latin music, the band kept the crowd entertained for nearly three hours.

Camp Bondsteel was the last stop on a tour that took them through Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and Bosnia.

"This is the second time our band has come to Kosovo," said Maruchy Perez, lead singer and co-founder of the band. "We toured here in 1999 and liked it so much that we asked the agents who book these tours to give us a call if they ever need someone to come over. A couple of months ago we got a phone call, and here we are."

There was one break in the entertainment when a transformer blew out, so band members took the opportunity to go out and talk with some of the soldiers. One of them was reunited with a former boyfriend who happened to be in the crowd.

"It was nice to see her again," said Capt. Walter E. Richter, secretary of the general's staff, Task Force Falcon. "She is a really sweet gal."

Once the transformer was replaced and the circuits were fixed, the band continued to entertain the crowd.

"It was a great show, they put on a really good show. I knew some of the band members from back in Miami and it brought back some memories of being a music student and working musician," Richter added.



Angie Castano picks her bass.



Maruchy and Angie swoon the crowd with the Jennifer Lopez hit, 'Waiting for Tonight.'



Two Night Stand, a band from Miami, Fla., jams to music from the '80s and '90s on stage at the Camp Bondsteel theater Friday night.